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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON COMMISSIONER OF WORKS AND HOUSING

1. I PAID COURTESY CALL DEC. 17 ON COMMISSIONER OF WORKS AND HOUSING COL. R.E.A. KOTEI. WE WERE JOINED BY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF MINISTRY ASAI AND BY EMBASSY E/C CHIEF.

2. APART FROM PLEASANTRIES AND BRIEFING ON MINISTRY ORGANIZATION, KOTEI EMPHASIZED THAT HE HOPED FOR CLOSER TIES BETWEEN HIS MINISTRY AND EMBASSY. HE POINTED OUT CLOSE RELATIONS WITH CANADIANS (AIDING WATER SCHEMES) AND SOME EASTERN EUROPEANS (TECHNICIANS OF VARIOUS SORTS, INCLUDING FOR SOVIET-SUPPLIED LARGE PANEL PREFABRICATED CONCRETE FACTORY, WHICH IS BEING RE-ACTIVATED). HE IMPLIED HE WAS LOOKING FOR BOTH AID AND INVESTMENT, BUT NOT RPT NOT MADE EXPLICIT. I RESPONDED SIMPLY THAT WE WELCOMED CONTACT.

3. KOTEI HIGHLIGHTED "OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH" UNDER WHICH FULLY PLANNED AND INTEGRATED "REDEMPTION TOWNSHIPS" TO BE STARTED IN EACH REGIONAL CAPITAL (3 IN ACCRA), BEGINNING IN SUMMER 1975. KOTEI SAID HIS MINISTRY HAD CONTACTED DIRECTLY SOME (UNNAMED) US FIRMS AND FINANCIERS IN THIS CONNECTION.

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